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Kingston Mills locks contract awarded

KINGSTON MILLS, Ontario, January 18, 1995 – The federal government has awarded a contract to Atlas Corporation of Concord, Ontario for major repairs to the Rideau Canal locks at Kingston Mills. The announcement was made today by the Minister of Canadian Heritage, the Honourable Michel Dupuy.

The original limestone walls of the 160-year-old locks have deteriorated and require immediate repairs to rectify major leaks in and through the lock chambers and monoliths. The structures will be sealed and consolidated by pressure grouting, repointing and anchoring of the stone masonry walls.

The repairs will be carried out with respect to the historic character of the original locks. Locks 46 to 49 at Kingston Mills are located at the southern end of the Rideau Canal just north of its entrance into Lake Ontario.

The contract for this project is in the amount of \$1,029,189. Work has begun and the contract is expected to be completed by March 1995. Funding for this initiative was provided in the February 1994 federal budget and is built into the existing fiscal framework. This project is an example of how the federal government is allocating its spending to better serve Canadians by making the best use of their tax dollars.

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